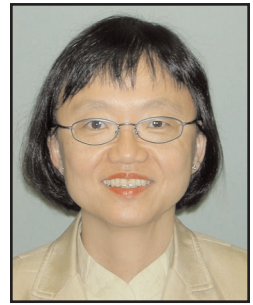


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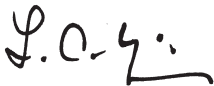
What you see before you this year, is the result of the virtually-all-new process incrementally introduced and refined in the last three years, including an extension of the paper deadline by three weeks. This has involved the introduction of new electronic-assisted tools and procedures for almost everything and everyone involved: for abstract and paper submission by the authors; for paper sorting by the Program Chair and Sub-Committee Chairs; for paper distribution to the International Technical Program Committee (ITPC); for review-data compilation by the ITPC reviewers; for Advance-Program preparation and editing; for Advance-Program production; for final-paper submissions; for paper editing by our editorial team; for paper verification by authors and Session chairs; and for process coordination; and for final compilation of the Digest.

Of greatest significance to submitting and accepted authors this year was the revised and improved Web-based entry process operated by Mira Digital Publishing, which served to structure the author-interaction process from several points of view: Authors were clearly informed of what was needed; editors were provided with a more-organized presentation; and management have been provided with more timely information, moving them to respond more quickly to the usual problems that any systems modification reveals.

This year, again, the editorial staff included five Editors (M. Amiri, G. Gulak, S. Mirabbasi, R. Spencer, and K.C. Smith) under the direction of a managing editor (Laura Fujino).

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My thanks to you all!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L.C. Fujino'.

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